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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/425,075
Filing Date	October 21, 1999
First Named Inventor	CHOUDARY, PRABHAKARA V.
Group Art Unit	1642
Examiner Name	Larry Helms
Attorney Docket Number	UCAL-269

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) Instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission** required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted

- i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

- i. Amendment/Reply
- ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. Other Copy of Power of Attorney as filed on April 16, 2002

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when RCE is filed.

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- i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e)
- ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. Other Fee Transmittal

b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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AMENDMENT	Attorney Docket Confirmation No.	UCAL-269 9044
Address to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231	First Named Inventor	Choudary et al.
	Application Number	09/425,075
	Filing Date	October 21, 1999
	Group Art Unit	1642
	Examiner Name	Larry R. Helms
	Title	FUNCTIONALLY ASSEMBLED ANTIGEN-SPECIFIC INTACT RECOMBINANT ANTIBODY AND A METHOD FOR PRODUCTION THEREOF

Sir:

This amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination and a copy of a Revocation of Power of Attorney/Power of Attorney filed with the U.S.P.T.O on April 16th, filed herewith.

Applicants wish to extend their gratitude to Examiner Helms for several telephone conversations regarding this case.

In view of the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

I. AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 22 and 25-32 and add new claims 36-49 as shown below.

36. (new) A method for production of an antibody that specifically binds an antigen of interest, the method comprising the steps of:

culturing a recombinant *Pichia* cell, the cell comprising a vector comprising a first and a second expression cassette, wherein:

said first expression cassette comprises a first promoter operably linked to a nucleic acid encoding an immunoglobulin light chain operably linked to a first signal peptide;

said second expression cassette comprises a second promoter operably linked to a nucleic acid encoding an immunoglobulin heavy chain operably linked to a second signal peptide,